

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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April 5, 2000

Mr. Ware F. Schiefer, President
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 33068
Charlotte, NC 28233

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Re: Docket No. 99-00994

Dear Mr. Schiefer:

To further the Staff's analysis of the reasonableness of the rates filed December 30, 1999 by Nashville Gas Company, we request that you furnish six copies of the information itemized in the attachment to this letter titled, Staff Request March 27, 2000.

Please comply with the following instructions for compiling the data requested:

1. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a loose-leaf binder with each item tabbed. Each response should begin by restating the item(s) requested.
2. Where a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6.
3. Careful attention should be given to copied material to insure that it is legible.

If there is a need for clarification of this request, please contact Michael Horne at (615) 741-2904, extension 174 before furnishing the response. Please furnish the requested information by April 10, 2000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "D. Waddell", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

David Waddell
Executive Secretary

99-00994/SR-4

Attachment

cc: Ted G. Pappas
Jerry W. Amos
Michael Horne
Legal Division
Consumer Advocate Division
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David McClanahan

NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY

STAFF REQUEST

March 27, 2000

87. Provide projected gas inventory schedules to back up the 5 inventories listed on your Gas Inventory Schedule for the attrition period. These should each be by month. See your data response 99-00994 Staff Item 40(C).
89. In exhibit CWF-3 (lines 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 16) and exhibit CWF-4 (lines 5, 7, 8, 9 10, & 16) please explain why the sums of the amounts in the rate class columns do **not** equal the amounts listed in the "TOTAL NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY" column.
90. Please explain in detail the calculations behind the assignment of portions of costs to each rate class in exhibits CWF-3 and CWF-4.
91. Provide the underlying data sufficient to replicate the calculations explained in your response to number 2 in the previous year?
92. Explain why your Construction Work in Progress exhibit in Data Response 40 has 4 months with different balances than was found on your monthly 3.03 reports. For Example:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Data Response</u>	<u>3.03 Report</u>
November 1998	4,239,570	3,004,105
January 1999	7,676,761	6,043,440
March 1999	10,285,830	8,545,137
June 1999	14,191,258	14,919,258

93. Explain why the accumulated depreciation schedule on Data Response 40 has an August, 1999 balance of \$ 125,960,036 + 6,161,174 = \$132,121,210, when the Aug 1999 balance on the ACC Depr-2 exhibit has a beginning balance of \$ 118,542,392 + 6,112,140 = \$124,654,532. The amount of \$125,960,036 agrees with the 3.03 monthly reports.
94. Contribution in aid of Construction has a balance of \$ 4,019,723 in January 1999 on your data response 40. The balance on your 3.03 report for January 1999 is \$ 4,010,250. Why is there a difference?